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Good evening Mr Mayor & Elected Councillors.

Thank you for granting our deputation request to speak at tonight's City of Melville Agenda Briefing Forum.

My name is Lisa Wild, I am the President of Attadale Netball Club & with me is Katie McCarthy our Vice President. Thank you to some of our valued club members who are here to support us tonight in the gallery, and to those who have joined online.

Tonight, is a very exciting night for our club & one we have been waiting well over 2 years for.

Our purpose this evening, is to formally acknowledge our full support for the relocation of Attadale Netball Club to the proposed Dyoondalup Point Walter Multi-use courts concept. And in anticipation an official decision can be granted at next week's Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

Firstly, I would like to thank the City of Melville Officers for preparing this thorough and concise 12-page Community Development Report.

This in-depth document has been compiled over many years of environmental research & local history. It is clear that harmonious future growth within the Attadale community, was front of mind before making their final conclusions and recommendations about all parties involved.

The main point that was clearly uncovered, is the existing limitations surrounding Troy Park in its current environment and geographical footprint.

We understand change is not always favourable by all. But we must, as a community look at longevity in our local community, the future collaborations between generations, the growth of our local sporting clubs and investing in physical activity options for the youth in this area for many years to come. This 'enhanced community engagement' through these multi-purpose courts, presents a real and tangible, overdue solution for everyone now.

Mr Mayor & Elected Councillors - I would like to share some background into our Club:

Attadale Netball Club is currently the largest volunteer netball club in Perth with 475 playing members in 2022 - comprising of 51 teams. Our players range in age from 6 years old to 40+. Some of our senior players have been playing at the club for over 30 years.

This year we have those same large numbers registered, but unfortunately, we are having to cap those numbers. We simply do not have the court space at Troy Park to accommodate these new, local netballers to join us.

We pride ourselves on being a true, local community sporting club that focuses on keeping girls active, building new friendships & themselves becoming active volunteers in our community.

Our aim for these young girls, is to one day be the proud successors of ANC for their own future families & friends to enjoy.

This year, Attadale Netball Club celebrates a milestone 55 years.

We are also proud of being a successful local netball club at the Fremantle Netball Association. We made history & wonderful memories last year by being the only club, in the last 57 years, to win both prestigious SA1 & JA1 grand finals in the same year.

We are a true 'Village' at ANC & our volunteers go above & beyond to make this club what it is today. We are not only volunteers, but like-minded people that have a common and vested interest in the success & growth for our future youth.

Our 'Village' also consists of 100 Santa Maria College Boarders, who joined our club in 2021. This collaboration between us & the College was aimed at giving the girls an external avenue to keep healthy & become an active member in our local community. This has been such a rewarding achievement at our club - watching all our girl's playing netball & building those special bonds with their peers. We are now in our 3<sup>rd</sup> year together and the feedback from the school & parents in nothing but positive.

As disclosed in next week's Agenda proposal report, ANC were very grateful to receive a \$100,000 grant from local Member of Parliament Lisa O'Malley, prior to the 2020 election. These funds were specifically to aid girls in sport at Troy Park. Shelter around the existing netball courts, new female toilet facilities, change rooms & storage was identified as requirements. For context, the existing netball courts are fully exposed to all weather elements & positioned about 150 metres from the current, tired old clubrooms & toilet facilities.

ANC contacted the City of Melville early 2021 to discuss our planning & building permit options to build shelter around the existing courts. This was then brought to our attention that it was not an option that could ever be achieved, due to our courts being positioned so close to the Swan River. This was all fully disclosed once the Attadale/Alfred Cove Foreshore Master Plan was released.

It was at that time; we were first presented with the proposed relocation scenario. This was never an option we would have anticipated. But one we had to fully consider as a growing netball club and the alternatives we were presented for our future. When we weighed up all our options, the positives far outweighed the negatives to jump on board & support this relocation.

Troy Park Sporting Association is extremely overpopulated in its current environment. Our netball courts are tired & in desperate need of resurfacing. There are so many growing local sporting clubs in that one shared location (we have netball, football, cricket, walking clubs and the general public all sharing that small space). We acknowledge how amazing it is that we have so much depth, growth & interest in these local community sporting clubs, but it is clearly not sustainable in that one geographical vicinity.

One of the major concerns all parents, coaches & committee have at Troy Park is the park situation. There are 18 designated car parks inside the club & on at least 3 nights a week all through winter, there are 100's of people trying to drop off, pick up & find parking from 4pm - 9pm.

Because of these negative experiences year after year, our parents tend to non-engage or simply be intimidated when entering the vicinity. This is not the culture we are trying to promote at Attadale Netball Club. Not to mention how unsafe all this aggressive activity & vehicle movement is with so many children around. Another hurdle we face is that the Santa Maria Bus cannot drop off the girls for each training session (this also occurs 3 nights a week) & they often have no option but to

walk through flooded pathways from Burke Drive to get to the courts & back to their bus transport.

Relocating to the Dyoondalup Point Walter Multi-use courts concept, would present our club with so many more opportunities to get more parents involved and volunteering in our club activities.

Everyone will instantly feel more welcomed and a lot safer with the parking situation. They can utilise the facilities at Point Walter Golf Club, siblings can play in the beautiful park & playground area & we can engage together as a club, utilising the BBQ facilities and network socially in a safe space.

The prospect of having our club & 5 newly surfaced & safe netball courts at this new location at Point Walter, is an essential element for our club to thrive as we grow in member numbers. Not to mention the 'enhanced community engagement on offer all year round through these multi-purpose courts'.

The Attadale Netball Club must also extend their gratitude to the Point Walter Golf Club. We have been warmly welcomed and have forged a great relationship with the Belgravia Management since this proposal was presented to us.

Last year we held 3 end of season windups at the Golf Club & they were a huge success. We have also collaborated to forward plan our committee meetings be held there, and our honour boards have been approved to be wall hung in the premises, if we relocate – that, in itself makes us feel so very welcomed there already.

Contrary to any prior information you may have received along this journey we have all been on to get to this point - the Attadale Netball Club is 100% fully committed & welcome the relocation from Troy Park to Point Walter.

Not only does this concept present so many options for multi-use space & multi seasonal sports at Point Walter (such as tennis, netball, basketball & family gatherings) it will allow Troy Park to grow in its current environment, use the existing netball courts for much needed parking & alleviate the major congestion issues currently being faced in its current format.

Our point tonight is that we can only see a prosperous future that will benefit all our club families and the wider Attadale community with this proposal, and we certainly hope you all, as our elected Councillor's, can agree this is a positive move that will benefit many and that this can be a reality by the start of the 2024 pre-season.

Thank you for your time this evening & we welcome any questions you may have for us?

